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- (C) A/DCM delivered reftel demarche June 2 to Ambassador Rajab Suqairi, director of the Foreign Minister,s private office. On the opening of new Arab trade/representative offices in Tel Aviv, Sugairi said Jordan would benefit from additional Arab missions in Tel Aviv, but urged the United States to do more to press Israel for &gestures8 that would make it easier for additional Arab states to justify to their publics the opening of offices in Tel Aviv. In reply, A/DCM reviewed the recent engagement of the President and the Administration with both the Israelis and Palestinians.
- (C) On the Arab League boycott, Suqairi noted that Jordan, in compliance with its peace treaty with Israel, does not adhere to any aspect of the Arab boycott and has no contact with the Central Boycott Office.
- ($\ensuremath{\text{C}}$) On Magen David Adom, Suqairi noted the Jordanian Society,s leading role in pressing for an international conference. Jordan,s mission in Geneva had refrained from joining Arab opponents of the conference, he said, and would continue to do so. A/DCM pressed for active GOJ support of the Jordanian Society,s efforts in future votes; Suqairi undertook to bring the issue again to FM Qasrawi,s attention.

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